And Merchants

Delay in Endeavor to Learn Basis of a Statement Letter to Be Sent to Washington.

The Advertiser is enabled to publish. as news, the two letters below. They throw light on the gossip that merchants here had formed a plan to make heavy financial gains in an "irregular" manner. This intimation is repudiated by the responsible houses signing consideration, and as a day has been the note to the United States Special

AN INQUIRY.

Honolulu, December 27, 1898. Harold M. Sewall, Esq., Special Agent

Sir:—The attention of the undersigned importers of merchandise in this city has been directed to Washington despatches of the little washi ington despatches of the 15th and 16th instants, published in the Pacific Commercial Advertiser of this date, in which the statement is made that you. as Special Agent for the United States Treasury, have informed the Secretary of the Treasury Department that immediate extension of the tariff laws of the United States to Hawaii is imperative in order to prevent the "irregular entry of goods to the United States by way of Hawaii," and it is explained that this "irregular entry" means that "a concerted plan of for eign dealers to send large quantities of merchandise to Hawaii and enter it under the Hawaiian tariff, with a view

accusation, as no such "concerted plan" exists among the resident foreign dealers whose importations are made the regular course of trade and for exclusive use in these islands.

Trusting to be favored by the assur-ance that the reference to "foreign dealers" above quoted was in no way intended to apply to us. We have the honor to be, Sir, your

most obedient servants. (Signed)

THEO. H. DAVIES & CO., LTD., M. HACKFELD & CO., LTD., M. PHILLIPS & CO., M. S. GRINBAUH & CO., LTD., F. A. SCHAEFER & CO., HAWAIIAN HARDWARE CO., Ld. PACIFIC HARDWARE CO., LTD.,

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THE REPLY.

Special Agency of the United States. Honolulu, H. I., Dec. 29, 1898. Messrs. Theo. H. Davies & Co., H. Hackfeld & Co. and Others.

Gentlemen: - I have to acknowledge sipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in which you quote newspaper des-patches purporting to report informa-charge the tion officially communicated by me about ready for sea.

The surveyors, as

In reply, I have to say, without going into the question of the accuracy of the there was decided weakness in the newspaper reports upon which you boiler fastenings.

base your letter, that for my official Under the like base your letter, that for my official Under the libel of the crew of the communications I am alone responsible City of Columbia the ship is to be to the Department of State, without offered for sale next month at an upthe permission of which I can neither divulge nor discuss them.

I shall take pleasure, however, in forwarding at the earliest opportunity a your letter to be transmitted Coast to the Honorable Secretary of the

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully

(Signed) HAROLD M. SEWALL. Special Agent of the United States.

TROUBLE IN SAMOA.

AUCKLAND (N. Y.), Dec. 21.-Advices received here from Samoa under date of December 16th says there is serious trouble in connection with the election of a King to succeed the late

CANAL INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Morgan today secured the passage by the Senate of a resolution authorizing the Nicaragua Canal Committee to struct the construction of the Nicara-

CABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail this morning says it credits the report that Australia will join with Canada in defraying the cost of a Pacific

BENNINGTON FOR GUAM. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Guam very soon will be a naval station, with a station vessel, coal pile and garrison of marines. Orders which are now on the way to the Bennington direct the gunboat to proceed to Guam and make a survey of the harbor. Such instruc-

STREET, OR WELL AUDITOR FOR A ARREST OF he salood by Admiral Birwy

BAWAHAN CABLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-Consider ation of the Hawalian cable bill, which was reported in the House last sun sion, is promised for early in January. This bill is that in the interest of the Scrymsor corporation, and provides for the building of a cable by way of Hawaii to Japan.

To offset this measure, Corliss of Michigan today put before the House a bill which puts in the hands of the President power to construct a cable from the United States to Hawaii and the Philippines and thence to Japan or such other islands as he may choose to touch. After the completion of the cable it is to be put under the control

of the Postmaster-General. The Scrymser bill carries a \$200,000 merce Committee during the first week a speedy hearing and determination in the House.

Sad Plight of the Famous City of Columbia.

"Constructive Total Loss" Indeed Was in Bad Condition Starting Had A! Rating.

In the verdict of the official surveyof taking advantage of the nominal ors of the S. S. City of Columbia is duties, and subsequently ship it to ors of the S. S. City of Columbia is other ports of the United States as that the ship is a "constructive total the fame and the tank and the early articles of domestic commerce." loss," dating from the Hilo examina-We are of course unaware as to who tion. Capt. Fuller, Capt. Campbell and is pointed at when the expression "for-eign dealers" is used, but, in justice to ourselves, it is proper for us to in-form you that if this communication to General Haywood. They find that it the Treasury Department is correctly will cost \$10,000 to repair the vessel reported, and if by "foreign dealers" to enable her to be taken to San you desired to intimate that any of the Francisco with safety. Adding this men want the light for mills and engar undersigned were employed in the importation of goods destined for re-export to the United States whenever the of Columbia makes her a perfect United States tariff was extended to example of the "constructive total the Islands, you have made an unjust loss," as interpreted by Capt. Milnor and the authorities in general everywhere. In other words, as she now lies, it will cost more to make here a good ship than she is worth.

As the City of Columbia now lies in the harbor here she is making an inch and a half of water an hour. This leak is in or about the propellor shaft sleeve and can be stopped only in a dock. It is recommended by the sur-veyors that repair at this portion of the ship be undertaken in Honolulu.

A noteworthy section of findings of the surveyors is expression of the opinion that she "shows weakness and was that way before she commenced this voyage." The vessel had been inspected at Seattle before her departure by the Government authorities and by the underwriters and had been given a rating of Al for five years. This fact makes a present of a somewhat bothersome situation to the insurance people. Of what the vessel may have been before he took command of her, Capt. Milnor could not have had any personal knowledge till he made the inspection at Hilo. He was given his commission as master less than twenty-four hours before steaming for Hilo and Honolulu, being called from charge the Columbia was of course

The surveyors, as is the custom of relative to importations here by "foreign dealers," and invite from me the
assurance that this reference was in no
way intended to apply to yourselves.
In reply, I have to say, without going

The surveyors, as is the custom of
such men, speak frankly of what they
find. They discover that in several
places the works of the vessel hang
by slender threads. This is true of

set price that will meet the total of the claims of the men. It is not likely that there will be any bidders here. Then the ship will be offered on the

HALF HOUR OF PICTURES.

One of the Attractions for the Sailors' Benefit.

ing last. It is assured for the show this evening that there will be proper electrical connections. Mr. Weaver, the favorite basso, lately of San Jose nvestigate the alleged efforts to ob- and San Francisco, will sing. The

Cineograph films, life-size, will be: 1, Illustrated Song (Asleep at the Switch), L. M. Weaver; 2, Fun in an American Camp; 3, Various Pictures, illustrating the destruction of Cervera's fleet at Santiago; 4. Driving the Cows to Pasture; 5. Miscellaneous Pictures; Pillow Fight; 7. Miscellaneous Pictures; 8, Cake Walk; 9, Miscellaneous Pictures; 10, Fifth Avenue, New York, at the busiest time; 11, Miscellaneous Pictures; 12, Burglar Caught in the Act: 13, Miscellaneous Pictures: 14, Football Game; 15, Song (I've Just Come Back to Say Good Bye), Weaver; 16, Butterfly Dance; 17, Torpedo Boat Ericson; 18, U. S. S. Bennington; 19, Couchee Dance; 20, Next President; 21,

nant is Made.

low Light-Payor Cained for the Washington

There were placed in the grounds at even dozen of the 1,500 candle, nowe lamps and the light diffused by them was the most beautiful and satisfactors ever seen here. It is a soft, white light comparable only to an intense moon There is no blarring or herce ness, or flickering, and under the rage everything appears wholly natural. There is an absence of the shadowand the sputtering so common telectric are light

Mr. Almy, who brought the high here, and Col. Geo. Macfarlane, who is interested in the rights, were than pleased with the test. The hun-dreds of people who attended the band concert and looked at the lights were united in enthusiastic praise, it seemed almost impossible to realize that from kerosene such a light could be perduced. The simple appliances were shown to many and the cheapness wat self-evident with the quality.

slightest danger of there over boing first place the kerosene is filtered and where there might be any danger is handling the light. The oli reservoir is at a distance from the light. sembling very much a bicycle foo

Many of the people who saw the next for the illuminant is so great it may be quite a time before any local orders can be filled. A number of plantation rooms.

CIRCUIT COURT.

account.

S. Columbia.

of exceptions with the Hawaiian Pork Packing Company.

Replications were filed yesterday in

Macmae Chris mas

The Maemae Sunday school celebral ed Christmas in the little church on Wyllie street, Nuuanu valley, on Wednesday evening, December 28tb.

songs and recitations mingled, were given with good voice and no lack of When Capt. Milnor took dress to the children in their native ongue. The annual report showed an enrollment of 116 names, one-half be- Monday and the concert in the evening. ing in the primary classes, and an av-

> Christmas tree. Ice cream and cake murder. were served to all who were present. Dr. W. every scholar received a gift. in bags was distributed to all, and tin borns to the boys at the breaking up which insured a suitable finale

Mr. Clark Sugg : 1 d. Honolulu, Dec. 29th, 1898.

A feature of the benefit entertain-ment to be given at the Orpheum the-attention of the Land Commissioner ater tonight for the stranded sailors of to the desirability of the "Right of the S. S. City of Columbia will be a ment Associations." And in conversa half hour of the Cineograph of C. L. tion with President Dole, on the sul Clement & Co. This is the moving pic- ject, he approved the idea, and stated ture machine that made such a hit at Kamehameha school on Monday evening last. It is assured for the show laws is due.

The fear that American tariff law may come into effect here very soon and practically without warning has enlivened trade in several directions During the past few days there have been extensive operation in clear-All the retailers are keen to gain stocks of the Manila smokers and the consumers who generally buy by the box are in many instances laying in supply by the thousands. The duty on cigars here is one cent each. The supply by the thousands. The duty on cigars here is one cent each. The United States tariff is so heavy on tobacco that it will quite upset the habits of the heavy local smokers. Cigars have been extremely cheap here, but they will now burn into money at quite a lively rate.

Champion Blood Por

A Test of the New Allumi-

Hotel Grounds Have Planty or blair

The new Washington Light, shows in public exhibition at the Hawalian hotel last evening entirely came up to the promises of the introducers.

The conductor of the current of oil and air to the point of ignition and iliumination is a wire one-sixteento of an inch in diameter. There is not the then the fluid is very cleaning and smooth flowing. There is no detecting ould not be communication between

light last night were anxious to secure it for use. As the demand in the States

Transactions Held in Probate and Other Matters.

A. S. Cleghorn, administrator of the estate of Autone Phillips, has been allowed sixty days in which to file bits

Russel Colgrove has been granted ossession of the plane on board the

Judge Perry yesterday approved of the sale of lands belonging to the estate of S. L. Kekumano, Jr., a minor, F. F. Porter in person, filed a bid of exceptions yesterday in his suit

the Chinese habeas corpus petitions

The exercises of the first part, chiefly erage attendance of 35.

The second part showed a beautiful

This entertainment was provided by the liberality of ladies living in the vicinity, and was second to none of the

EDITOR P. C. A .- I notice in your article in this morning's paper, you give me the credit of the authorship of the amendment to the "Land Act." able addition being made to our land

> Yours respectfully. BYRON O. CLARK.

A Boom in Cigars.



inneed and

improvement and after time the I now feel as well as even The old abscesses bate off it have ceased to come and mu-tid. Before using the Savan 154 Mar.

HOLLISTER DRUG CO., Agents.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Sugar, 4 2-4; quiet. Monday next will be a legal holiday Hawaiian Commercial, \$56.75 bid;

\$57 naked. Hana Plantation, \$17.67 1-2 bid; \$17. 87 1-2 asked.

Hero Houson will be abound the Gae te, due tonight.

Hutchinson Plantation, \$64.67 1-2 bid \$65 maked The Sugar Trust, it is claimed, is

fighting expansion. The Inter-Island Steam Navigation company pays a dividend today Mrs. Dole will not receive this after ioon, on account of indisposition.

Cane grinding is going on in a satisfactory manner at Ewa plantation. Official notice is out for the widening of Beretania street between Punchbowl

and Fort Oceanic steamers for Australia will leave San Francisco bereafter at 10 p. m. instead of 2 p. m.

Lawyer Davis will get a decision today on his writ of habeas corpus in his contempt of court case. The Oahu railway company

nounces an excursion train to Kahuku on Monday next, January 2. Deputy Attorney-General Dole and others will leave on Tuesday next to

attend the Hijo term of court. The same Christmas tree did service the Bishop of Honolula and the Second for the Central Union, the Methodist and the Christian Sunday schools.

Kawaiahao Sunday sehool had its Christmas tree last evening with the Peking today. usual program and a big attendance. Intending purchasers of household issuing as usual for its patrons and friends a foreign mail steamer time table. Copies will be delivered to subscribers of the Advertiser, Gazette, Kenko and Discourse Company is issuing as usual for its patrons and friends a foreign mail steamer time table. Copies will be delivered to subscribers of the Advertiser, Gazette, Kenko and Discourse Company is calling at W. W. Dimond & Co., Ltd. ized for the excursion over the Oahu Kuokoa and Planters' Monthly,

allway to Kahuku on January 2, 1899. The preliminary hearing is on at Walalua before Judge Stanley, of the Japanese field laborer accused of wife-

Dr. Wayson, at one time physician with the Behring Sca fleet, was yester-Capt. Hooper, commander of the revenue cutter McCulloch

additional facilities to furnish any months hence.

Who I. S. Revenue States McCatact

The representations in Roya stock to the y have own for the most puri toons

ters to propre in the States There is a belief with some of the police officers that a woman has been stabling and signifing horses for Capt

A traveler named Morris claims a San Francisco (but he was mulcied out of \$50 here by people with whom he played whist.

Prominent passengers per S. S. Pe-hing Marshal Brown and wife, Gen A. S. Hartwell, Chas. Brown, Mr. Good-man of the S. P., John Ena and family, Arch. Guifilian It is understood that Attorney Cayp ioss, lately arrived, holds the power of attorney of the owners of the 8. 8. City

of Columbia. The usual Hall & Son calendar, the first number of which dates back when Tantalus was a hole in the

ground, has been received. The Inter-Island Steam Navigation Watches are securely packed in Co. Ltd., announces that a dividend is due and payable at their office on Pri-

day. December 30th, 1898 The Court has allowed Kinney, Bal ion & McClanahan a fee of \$600 for their work in libelling the S. S. City of Columbia for wages of the erew.

Rev. C. M. Hyde has filed an interesting report on the business of the Bishop Museum for the year number of visitors was unusually

A Postal Savings Bank pass book No. 554 A (old No. 6992), has been lost Finder will please deliver or mai same to H. Laws at Spreckels & Co.'s

Lewers & Cooke have pleased a host their friends by again sending out the neatest and most useful memorandum book that could possibly be devised.

The Advertiser has received at the hands of W. H. Crawford, reporter, the illuminated 1899 calendar of the Hawatian Chinese News. It is being distributed gratis.

Actist Wing, with J. J. Williams, has just completed a splendid crayon por trait of Judge Widemann. The like ness is one which will please all the friends of the esteemed kamaaina.

This is the evening of the benefit erformance at the Orpheum theater for the stranded sailors of the S. S. City of Columbia. The Orpheum Company will be assisted by town talent Mr. Seymour, the veteran theatrical man who brought the U and I company

to the Islands from Seattle, writes from Mantla that for show business down there "all kinds of money" waiting. The Captain of the Italian cruiser and the Captain and Staff of the U. S. Revenue Cutter McCulloch called yes-terday on President Dole. Ministers terday on President Dole. Ministers Damon and Smith returned the call in

Messrs. Augustus F. Knudsen, E. A. Knudsen and Arthur S. Knudsen, of Kekaha, Kauai, have entered into a partnership for the purpose of carrying on a ranching and agricultural bus iness.

the afternoon.

Messrs, Augustus F. Knudsen, E. A. Newton and Arthur S. Knudsen, of Kekaha, Kauai, have entered into a partnership for the purpose of carrying on a ranching and agricultural bus Further proceedings in the case of

return of Judge Hartwell from the coast. The Judge may be home by the Peking today.

The Hawaiian Gazette Company is Will leave Honolulu every Tuesday at 19 o'clock a. m., touching at Lahaina, Maalaca Bay, Makena, Mahukona, Kawaibas and Laupahoehoe the following day, ar riving in Hilo Wednesday.

Congregation may be delayed till the

T. F. Dredge. The Y. M. C. A. people are all working hard these days for the reception about by the Doric, from Yokohama Beturning will be a second by the Boric, from Yokohama Beturning will be a second by the Boric, from Yokohama Beturning will be a second by the Boric and the second by the second by the Boric and the second by the sec weil known in th nolulu by the Doric, from Yokohama yesterday. He has been in the Orient during the past year in the interests of the big mercantile house in San Francisco with which he is connected. He cisco with which he is connected. He will continue his trip to San Francisco

by the Nippon Maru next week.

The many friends of Miss Andrae Sunday Sept. 18 Sunday Sept. 25 Sunday Sept. 25 Sunday Sept. 25 Sunday Oct. 26 Sunday Oct. 27 Sunday Oct. 27 Sunday Oct. 28 Sunday Oct. 28 Sunday Oct. 28 Sunday Oct. 29 Sunday Oct. 20 by the Nippon Maru next week. Clark, the popular manager of the B. day visited by an old acquaintance. F. Ehlers dressmaking pariors, will regret to hear of her departure to the C. R. Collins, harness manufacturer, illness. After the sister is restored to appeals to all plantation owners, man-health Miss Clark will probably visit on the morning of the day of sailing from Hilo to Honolulu. ome industry, as he is now able with fore her return to Honolulu, two

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after it has been landed.

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